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On October 29, Post delivered ref A demarche on human cloning to both the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Health and Social Development, seeking Russian support on this issue at UNESCO meetings of the International Bioethics Committee and Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee in Paris October 28-29. On November 27, we received a written response explaining the status of Russian legislation from Ivan Dubov, Director of the Health Ministry's International Cooperation Department. Dubov wrote that that Russia passed a federal law banning human cloning for a period of five years ending June 23, 2007. Draft amendments to the law have been drafted and are in the process of being considered. These amendments would continue the temporary ban on all human cloning, including for reproductive, therapeutic, and scientific purposes. The draft amendments provide for the ban to remain in place pending the passage of a new law establishing regulations for the use of cloning technology.

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